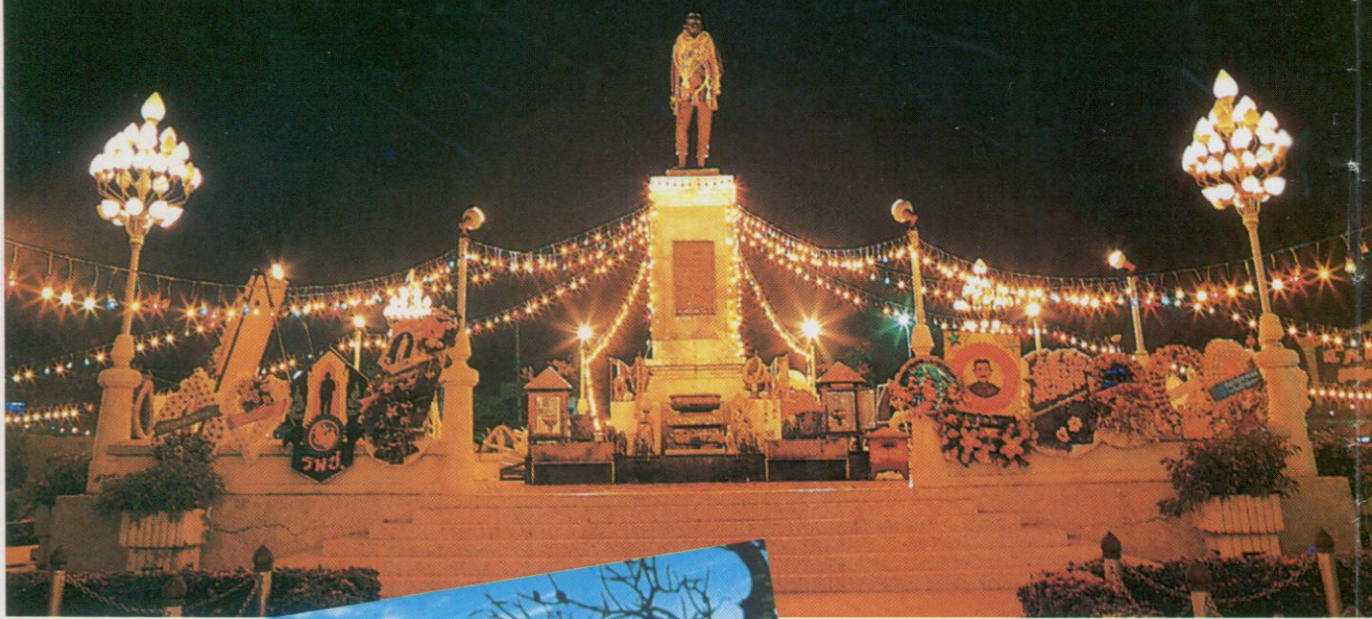


CHAIYAPHUM



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CHAIYAPHUM

HISTORY

Chaiyaphum is an old city dating back to the time when the Khmer Empire was the pinnacle of its power. The city was a lesser city of the empire. Some of the sites from those days are Prang Ku, Phra That Nong Sam Mun and Phra That Kut Chok.

When Ayutthaya was the capital, Chaiyaphum appeared on a map during the reign of King Narai the Great as a city under the administration of Nakhon Ratchasima. However, people later moved out to find new homes and left the city deserted. Chaiyaphum then reappeared during the time of King Rama II in the Rattanakosin Era. In 1817, Lae, a nobleman in Chao Anuwong's (Lord of Vientiane) court, took his family and friends across the Makhong River to settle at Ban Nong Nam Khun (Nong E Chan) which is in the area of Amphoe Sung Noen in Nakhon Ratchasima now. In 1819, when too many people has migrated there, Lae moved everyone to a new location at Non Nam Om, Ban Chi Long. All through that time, Lae continued to provide offerings to Chao Anuwong to show his loyalty. At first it was rice but was later given gold when it was dug up at Khao Phraya

Fo. as a result, Lae was promoted to Khun Phakdi Chumphon. Lae moved his settlement once again in 1822 because of drought to Nong Pla thao and Nong Lot, which combined was called Ban Luang, and turned to display loyalty Nakhon Ratchasima Province and provided offerings to King Rama III instead, and proclaimed the city free from Chao Anuwong forever. King Rama III rewarded Khun Phakdi Chumphon by making Ban Luang Chaiyaphum City and promoting him to Phraya Phakdi Chumphon and made him the city's first lord.

Chao Anuwong organized a rebellion against King Rama III and formed troops to attack Bangkok. He lied to cities along his route that he was rounding up military support to help Bangkok fight the British. Nakhon Ratchasima was subsequently overtaken in 1826. When the secret was out that Chao Anuwong and his troops were rebels, he gathered all the people of Nakhon Ratchasima to take them back to Vientiane. While at Thung Samrit, the captives under the leadership of Khunying Mo, the wife of Nakhon Ratchasima's lord, fought back with the support of Phraya Phakdi Chumphon and lords of nearby cities until they defeated Chao Anuwong.

Nonetheless, A remnant of Chao Anuwong's forces retreated from Nakhon Ratchasima and captured Chaiyaphum. After failing to persuade Phraya Phakdi Chumphon to join the rebellion, the invaders killed him under a big tamarind tree at Nong Pla Thao. A shrine built by the city's citizens is a tribute to this man is 3 km. from the provincial hall. The shrine is in the shape of a Thai pavilion and has a statue of Phraya Phakdi Chumphon which is highly revered.

GEOGRAPHY

Chaiyaphum Province is located almost at the center of Thailand in the northeastern region. Its size ranks third in the region and eighth in the country. The province has a total area of 12,778.3 square km. or 7,986,429 Rai. It is 332 km. from Bangkok.

Approximately 50% of Chaiyaphum is mountains and forests. The rest is a plateau. Chaiyaphum is divided into 2 parts by the mountain range that runs through the center of the province from east to west which comprises Phu Yuak, Phu E Thao, Phu Lankha, Phu Phang Hoei and connects with Phu Phraya Fo which is part of the Phetchabun Mountain Range. The range goes through Amphoe Thap Sathit, Amphoe Nong Bua Daeng and Amphoe Khon San. The main rivers are Chi River which originates in a thick jungle in Amphoe Nong Bua Daeng and Phrom River which comes from a thick jungle in Amphoe Khon San. They are important rivers of the Northeast.

BOUNDARY

- North - Connects with Phetchabun and Khon Kaen
- South - Connects with Nakhon Ratchasima
- East - Connects with Khon Kaen and Nakhon Ratchasima
- West - Connects with Phetchabun and Lop Buri

ADMINISTRATION

Chaiyaphum Province is divided into 15 Amphoes (districts) and 1 King Amphoe (Sub-districts). The distances from Amphoe Muang to other Amphoes are as follows:

- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Khon Sawan 38 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Nong Bua Daeng 53 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Phu Khiao 80 kms.



- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Khon San 125 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Kaeng Khro 45 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Kaset Sombun 90 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Ban Thaen 80 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Ban Khawao 13 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Chaturat 40 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Bamnet Narong 58 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Thap Sathit 90 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Nong Bua Raheo 33 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Phakdi Chumphon 85 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - Amphoe Noen Sa-nga 30 kms.
- Amphoe Muang - King Amphoe Sab Yai 50 kms.

GETTING TO CHAIYAPHUM

BY CAR From Bangkok, take Highway No.1 (Phahonyothin Road), turn right at Saraburi onto Highway No.2 (Mittraphap Road) past Amphoe Pak Chong. Then take a left onto Highway No.201 past Amphoe Si Kheo, Amphoe Dan Khun Thot and into Chaiyaphum at Amphoe Chaturat straight to Amphoe Muang. The total distance is 332 kms.

From Nakhon Ratchasima, take Highway No.2 (Mittraphap-Khon Kaen Road) past Tambon Cho Ho. Then turn left onto Highway No.205 past Amphoe Non Thai to the intersection at Tambon Nong Bua Khok in Amphoe Chaturat. Then turn right onto Highway No.201 to Chaiyaphum. The total distance is 119 kms.

BY BUS The Transport Co. operates a daily Bangkok-Chaiyaphum bus Service. For more information, call tel. 2710101-5 (regular bus) and 2794484-7 (air-conditioned bus).

BY TRAIN From Bangkok Railway Station (Hua Lamphong), there are express and rapid Bangkok-Nong Khai trains running daily. Visitors can get off at Bua Yai Station and take a bus for 51 km. more to Chaiyaphum. For details, please call the Train Service Section at tel.2237010 and 2237020.

CITY ATTRACTIONS

AMPHOE MUANG (อำเภอเมือง)

Phraya Phakdi Chumphon Monument (Lae)

อนุสาวรีย์พระยาภักดีชุมพล (แล) is at the rotary on the road into the city. The monument was built by the people of Chaiyaphum in 1975 to honor Phraya Phakdi Chumphon, the founder of Chaiyaphum, who is called "Chao Pho Phraya Lae" by the people here.



Phraya Phakdi Chumphon Monument (Lae)

Chao Pho Phraya Lae Shrine (ศาลเจ้าพ่อพญาลา)

is near Nong Pla Thao, 4 kms. to the east of the Provincial Hall on Highway No.205 (Chaiyaphum-Ban Khawao). To the right is a sacred historical site which is where Chao Pho Phraya Lae was executed by Lao soldiers. Locals built the shrine to honor him and to have his spirit protect the Chaiyaphum and Thai people. Every year, beginning on the first Wednesday of May, a week long festival in his honor is held.

Prang Ku (ปราสาทคู) is an ancient laterite site.

Inside is a Buddha image from the Dvaravati period. King Chaiworaman VII, the last great king of the Khmer Empire, ordered it built during 782-1220. Regarded by the people here as a sacred place, a festival is held at the site in the middle of April every year. Prang Ku is in Chaiyaphum

Prang Ku



Municipality and is 1 km. to the east of the Provincial Hall. An asphalt road leads to the site.

Kut Ngong (กุดงิ้ว) is a village which has temple boundary stones sculpted into various postures of Lord Buddha. The villagers have gathered about 20 of the stones and placed them in Ban Kut Ngong School in Tambon Nong Na Saeng. There are 2 ways to Kut Ngong; take the Chaiyaphum-Bua Yai Road For 12 kms. then turn right to Ban Kut Tum and proceed to Ban Kut Ngong 12 kms. away, another way is on the Chaiyaphum-Si Kheu or Highway No.201 from Non Hai intersection to the south for 6 kms. and turn left to Ban Khwa Noi, straight to Ban Bung Khla, and another left for 2 kms. to Ban Kut Ngong.

Tat Tone National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติตาตอง)

Only 20 kms. from town along the highway 2051, is a highly scenic spot excellent for rest or picnic. The park has a total area 135,738 rai. The area was proclaimed a National Park on December 31, 1980.

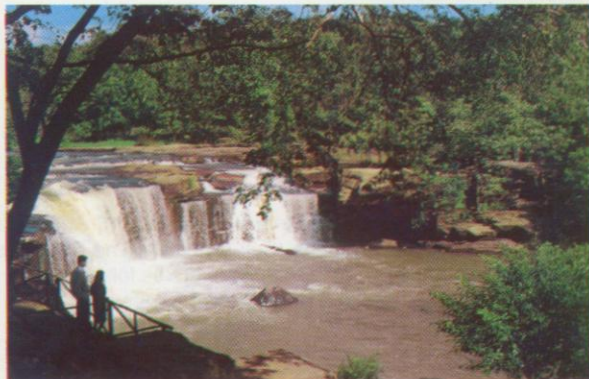
What to see in Tat Tone National Park

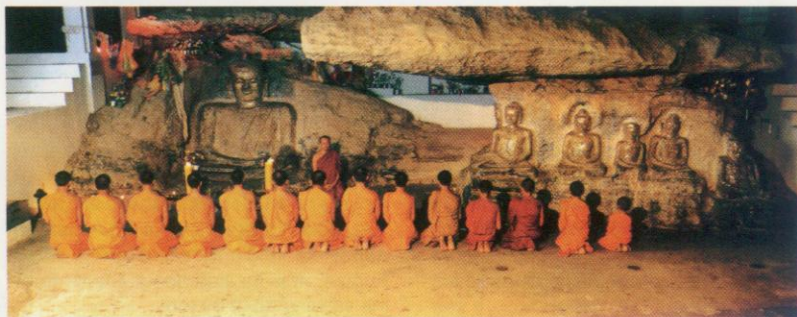
Tat Tone Waterfall (น้ำตกตาตอง) is one of the highest and most beautiful waterfalls in the Northeast. There is a stone terrace 50 metres wide and 6 metres high. It has a year-round flow of water, which is especially abundant in the rainy season during April-September. The source of the waterfall is the mountains that surround national forest reserves which are Phu Kaset, Phu Di, Phu Khong, Phu Yuak, and Phu E Thao, all of which connect each other to create the Lankha Mountain Range. Rainwater accumulate here and gradually flows down to Huai Prahao and eventually to Tat Tone Waterfall.

Pha Iang Waterfall (น้ำตกผาอียาง) is around 32 kms. northwest of the Provincial Hall on Highway No.2159 (Chaiyaphum-Nong Bua Daeng). This is a medium-sized waterfall that is a slant cliff across a stream which makes the waterfall fall to one side of the cliff. The waterfall is west of Tat Tone National Park at Lam Huai Chi Long. The area surrounding the waterfall is a dry, thick jungle which has many big trees, making for a shady area ideal for relaxation.

Tat Fa Waterfall (น้ำตกตาฟา) or Tham Tia Waterfall is both a small cave at the foot of Khao Phu E Thao and a steep waterfall about 15-20 meters wide, 80-90 meters high and has a 30 degree angle. There is year-round water flow and a pool provides splendid swimming. The waterfall is in Tambon Na Siao, 25 kms. north of the city on Highway No.201.

Tat Tone Waterfall





Phu Phra

Chao Pho Tat Tone Shrine

(ศาลเจ้าพ่อตาตอง - ตัวง) is near Tat Tone Waterfall and is revered by the Chaiyaphum people and those from nearby provinces. Chao Pho Tat Tone was a man of Khmer origin who migrated to Thailand at about the same time as Chao Pho Phraya Lae. While he was in Thailand, he became a hermit who meditated, followed strict Buddhist laws and cured people of illness. He was widely revered by locals and when he died, several shrines were built to honor him such as Chao Pho Achan Duang Shrine or Phu Duang Shrine at Chong Sam Mo, Pu Duang Shrine at Wat Phra Puttha Chaiyaphum Phithak and this shrine at Tat Tone Waterfall. A ritual is performed every Wednesday to please spirits at the shrine, plus 4 major rites every year.

Facilities

Ban Suchitra (large house)	25-30	persons/house	1,000	Baht/night
Ban Ladda 2	20	persons	800	Baht/night
Medium house	15	persons	500	Baht/night
Small house	6	persons	250	Baht/night
Small tent (no bedding)	2	persons	30	Baht/night
Tent site for 1 tent (for those who bring own tents)			5	Baht/night

For more details and reservation, contact the National Parks Division, Royal Forestry Department, Bang Khen, Bangkok 10900. Tel. 02-5614292 or the Tourist Service Center at Tat Tone National Park, P.O.Box 22, Amphoe Muang, Chaiyaphum, 36000. Tel. 01-9264870

Sa Hong (สระหนอง)

is in Wat Khao Sa Hong. It is an ancient pool in the middle of a small slope. About 3 metres from the pool is a swan-shaped stone which was designed by nature. The pool is in Tambon Na Siao, 12 kms. to the north of the Provincial Hall on Highway No.2051 on the left (the road to Cho Raka Reservoir)

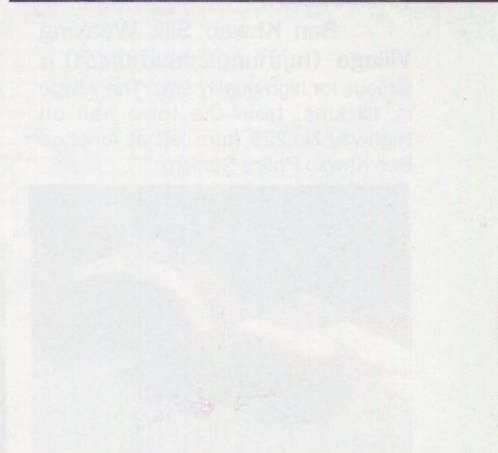
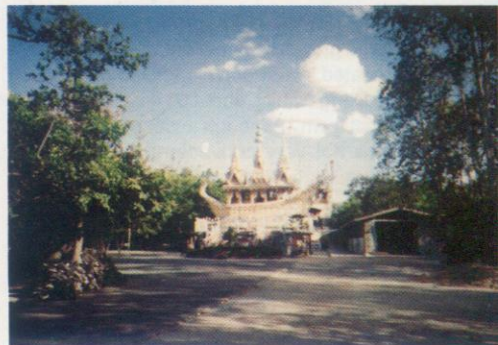
Phu Phra (ภูพระ)

is in Wat Sila Asana, 12 kms. north of the Provincial Hall on Highway No.201 (Chaiyaphum-Kaeng Khro). This is a low mountain which has a bas-relief of a meditating Buddha image which is called Phra Chao Ong Tu by locals. Phu Pra is in Tambon Na Siao.

Phu Faet (ภูผาไฟ)

in Tambon Na Siao is a low hill with the main attraction being a footprint of Lord Buddha like that in Saraburi. About 18 km. from the Provincial Hall, visitors can take the same route as Phu Phra and turn right for 5 more km. A variety of trees are planted here and they are lined on both sides of the road leading to the temple. People wishing to view the footprint can ask for a key from the nuns there.

Phu Faet



Sa Hong



AMPHOE NONG BUA DAENG

(อำเภอหนองบัวแดง)

Pha Koeng (ผาเก็ง) is a mountain that has a rock jutting out to the road and an awesome scenery. It is one popular viewing spot of Chaiyaphum. The 14-foot-high Chaiyaphum Phithak Buddha image stands atop the mountain. It is part of Phu Lankha and has a considerably wide area. Pha Koeng is in Wat Chaiyaphum Phithak. It is 36 kms. from Amphoe Muang on Highway No.2159 (Chaiyaphum-Nong Bua Daeng).

Tham Wua Daeng (ถ้ำวัวแดง)

A large group of caves, Tham Wua Dang is located in Tambon Nang Dad of Nong Bua Dang district, about 60 kms. from the district town. Although access to the site is still not very convenient, it is worth visiting, particularly the trek through the jungles to reach it. There are several caverns making up the group, all worth exploring.

AMPHOE BAN KHWAO

(อำเภอบ้านเขว้า)

Ban Khwao Silk Weaving Village (หมู่บ้านทอผ้าไหมบ้านเขว้า) is famous for high-quality silk. The village is 13 kms. from the town hall on Highway No.225 (turn left at Amphoe Ban Khwao Police Station).



Tung Dok Kajiaw



AMPHOE NONG BUA RAHEO

(อำเภอหนองบัวระเหว)

Sai Thong National Park (อุทยานแห่งชาติไทรทอง) about 43 kms. from the district town of Nong Bua Rahaey in Ban Wang Nam Khiew, Tambon Wang Takheh, the mountainous park covers an area of some 199,375 Rai, part of which extends into Chaiyaphum province. The source of the Chee River, it is about 900-1,000 meters above sea level. The flat and undulating terrains are made up of hardwood trees and tropical virgin jungle with a large variety of plant species. The Bua Sawan field atop the mountain range has a profusion of wild flowers. Wildlife ranges from boars, fowls, foxes, deer, monkeys, rabbits and several types of birds. Interesting sites to visit include :-

Sai Thong Waterfall (น้ำตกไทรทอง) Located some 15 kms. from the park headquarters, it is a beautiful waterfall shaded by Banyan trees. The 5-meter tall fall runs full during May - January.

Chuan Chom Waterfall (น้ำตกชวนชม) No less delightful than the Sai Thong, the 7 meter-high fall is located about one kilometer up.



Chaiyaphum Phithak Buddha

Viewing Point (จุดชมวิว) along Highway No.225 (Chaiyaphum-Nakhon Sawan) at Ban Chai Mongkol.

Tung Dok Krajiaw (ทุ่งดอกกระเจียว) the field of the Krajiaw flowers is on the Khao Phang Heuy range som 1,000 meters above sea level. The reddish purple flowers, interspersed with white, begin to bloom during July - August. It is located about 4 kms. from the viewing point by foot.

To visit the Sai Thong national park, take Highway No.225 from



Chaiyaphum and proceed on for 70 kms. At Ban Ta Pong, take a right turn and go on for another 13 kms. There are two units of guest-house within the park at the rate of 500-1,000 Baht. For more information and advance booking, call the National Park Division of the Forestry Department, Bangkok, at 5790529, 5794842, or the Sai Thong National Park itself, P.O.Box 1, Nong Bua Rahay, Chaiyaphum, 36250.

AMPHOE PHAKDI CHUMPHON (อำเภอภักดีชุมพล)

Tham Phra (ถ้ำพระ) is a large cave in Wua Daeng Mountain Range. The cave is worth exploring for its many interesting corners and a pavilion insides which was once the residence of a monk who is now deceased. Another monk lives there now. The cave is in Tambon Laem Thong, 20 kms. from the town hall.

Tham Keaw (ถ้ำแก้ว) is 2 kms. from Tham Phra and is on the other side of Wua Daeng Mountain Range. Sparkling stalactites and stalagmites can be found here.

Tham Prathun (ถ้ำประทุน) is a medium-sized cave atop the Wua Daeng Range. It used to be a resting place for army generals hundreds of years ago. The cave used to have some gold as evident from the ore-sifting pools in front.

AMPHOE CHATURAT (อำเภอจัตุรัส)

Bung Lahan (บึงละหาน) is 35 kms. south of the Provincial Hall. Turn off Highway No.201, 7 km. before reaching the town hall and drive on for 500 metres. Bung Lahan is a natural lake with an area over 10,000 Rai. The lake has an abundance of fresh water fish. In winter countless waterfowls feed here.

Tham Keaw



AMPHOE KHON SAWAN (อำเภอขอนแก่น)

Bung Waeng (บึงแวง) is a round lake of 350 Rai. A ring road circles the lake. Over 40,000 waterfowls make their home here during the winter months of November-April. These waterfowls fly up to sunlight at dusk, creating a truly picturesque sight. The lake is in front of the town hall, 38 kms. northeast of the Provincial Hall.

Large Dvaravati Buddha Image (พระพุทธรูปใหญ่สมัยทวารวดี) at Wat Khon Sawan, 5 kms. from the town hall (at the intersection of the Ban Nong Pa Buk Water Station). This is a sandstone image with a nice form and intricate designs built in the Dvaravati period. The image is called "**Luang Pho Yai**" by locals. In addition, there are many temple boundary stones, carved and uncarved.

AMPHOE PHU KHIAO (อำเภอภูเขียว) Ban Khae Groomed Tako

(ตะโกตัดบ้านเข้) is at a village which specializes in selling groomed Tako and Khoi trees. The village is on Highway No.201, 55 km. from Amphoe Muang.

Local Handicrafts Sales Center (ศูนย์จำหน่ายผลิตภัณฑ์หัตถกรรมพื้นบ้าน) is in Phak Pang Public Health Area in Tambon Phu Khiao. The center sells many products at very reasonable prices. The center is on the Phu Khiao-Chum Phae Road.

Pha Khit Products Center (ศูนย์รวมผลิตภัณฑ์จากผ้าขิด) was established by the Ban Non Salao Pha Khit Silk Weaving Women's Group. The center is at Mu 6, Tambon Nong Tum, on Highway No.201, 5 kms. from Ban Khae Groomed Tako Village, and turn right for 3 kms. The village is renowned for producing lovely silk and cotton cloths and pillows.

Bung Waeng





Pha That Nong Sam Mun

Phra That Nong Sam Mun (พระธาตุหนองสามหมื่น) is at Ban Kaeng, Mu 1, Tambon Ban Kaeng, 25 kms. northwest of the town hall. Phra That Nong Sam Mun is in Wat Phra That Nong Sam Mun and is an ancient historical site. The site is a beautiful pagoda that was built 400-500 years ago which has been renovated through funding from the green Isan Project. The main features are a large reclining Buddha image and a large chapel built close to the ground called Sala Phan Hong. The rooms inside are quite large. The rooms signify the 1,000 verses of the Maha Chat sermon that must be learned before one achieves total fulfillment. The temple was built by Luang Pho Sithat Wipatsano in 1962. There are also statues of characters from stories in Buddhism. To reach the temple, take Highway No.201 (Chaiyaphum-Chum Phae) to Ban Nong Song Hong and turn left onto Highway No.2055. The total distance is 115 kms.

AMPHOE BAN THAEN (อำเภอบ้านแท่น)

Phra Thaen Banlang (พระแท่นบัลลังก์) is in Ban Thaen Public Health Area, 1 km. east of the town hall. The pedestal is made of rock with a hole in the middle believed to have held something in place. Around the hole is a ditch, probably to let water flow out. Two gold Buddha images were found in the ground near the pedestal.

AMPHOE KHON SAN (อำเภอกอนสาร)

Phu Khiao Wildlife Reserve (เขตรักษาพันธุ์สัตว์ป่าภูเขียว) covers the areas of Amphoe Khon San, Kaset Sombun and Nong Bua Daeng. The reserve is active in preserving wildlife and watershed, as well as a favorite spot for nature tours for youths and the public.

Thung Kramang (ทุ่งกระมัง)

is a wildlife reserve in Phu Khiao Wildlife Reserve on a hillside. Its large area of 5,000 Rai has wide plains and a fantastic scenery. Situated 900 metres above sea level, the reserve has many grass fields on various elevations. Several streams flow through the area. The flora here is thick jungle mixed with pine forests. No large trees grow here, only numerous species of plants in places. The plains are like large overturned bowls in the jungle. Exotic birds in the plains make the area very lively.

AMPHOE KASET SOMBOON (อำเภอเกษตรสมบูรณ์)

Huai Kum Dam (เขื่อนห้วยกุ่ม) is an irrigational dam downstream from Nam Phrom Dam on the Phrom River. A pavilion offers a good view of the nice scenery here. The dam is adjacent to the road in Tambon Kut Lo; 102 kms. north of Amphoe Muang.

Nok Karean Thung Kramang

Thung Kramang





Chulabhorn Dam or Nam Phrom Dam

The tourist who want to visit Thung Kramang must make an advance reservation at Phu Khiao Wildlife Reserve, P.O.Box 3, Amphoe Chumphae, Khon Kaen Province 40130.

Chulabhorn Dam or Nam Phrom Dam (เขื่อนจุฬาภรณ์หรือเขื่อนน้ำพรม) is in Tambon Thung Lui Lai, 40 km. southwest of the town hall. This is a hydroelectric dam built by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) in 1970 and completed in 1972. The dam is brooks Lam Nam Phrom which flows from watersheds in Phu Khiao Wildlife Reserve and Nam Nao National Park which is a mountain range dividing Chaiyaphum and Phetchabun.

Chulabhorn Dam is an earth-filled dam like Sirikit Dam. It is 700 metres long, 70 metres high and 8 metres wide. It has a water capacity of 188 million cubic metres and can generate 140 million units of electricity yearly. the dam is surrounded by high mountains and dense jungle. A cool climate prevails throughout the year. Part of the beautiful scenery includes a royal residence and an experimental cold-weather crop growing center. Guest houses are available to tourists such as.

- Bangalow (4 rooms/12 person)
1,200-2,000 Baht/night
- Bangalow (3 rooms/10 person)
1,000 Baht/night
- Bangalow (2 rooms/6 person)
900 Baht/night
- Bangalow (6 rooms/18 person)
2,400 Baht/night

Bangalow (17 rooms) 200 Baht/room/night

Reservations can be made by contacting tel. 043-224133 ext. 2287. There are also boats for rent to view the dam. Sala Daeng north of the dam is a pavilion which is a perfect retreat for those wanting some peace and quiet. Sala Loop Kuan sits high above the dam and offers a panoramic view of nearby areas. One can view the horseshoe-shaped mountain covered by mists, the valley below and the generating plant from here. On a clear day one can also see Phu Kradung mountain far away.

From Amphoe Phu Khiao, turn right onto Highway No.201 (Phu Khiao-Chum Phae). Upon reaching Nong Song Hong Intersection, turn left onto Highway No.2055. The distance from Amphoe Muang is 120 kms.

Nam Phut Na Lao (น้ำพุตนาเลา)

is a small geyser that becomes a stream that flows down to irrigate orchards. The water is crystal clear the year round. The water from underground spurts up to make pools large and small. Nam Phut Na Lao is behind Khon San Witthayakhom School, 2 kms. from the intersection with the police kiosk on the Lom Sak route and turn left onto a laterite road for 500 metres and another left for 100 metres. Large trees and pavilions offer shade.

Nam Phut Thap Lao (น้ำพุตถาว)

is southwest of Ban Phan Niat, 11 km. from the intersection with the police kiosk. It can be reached by taking the road to Chulabhorn Dam for 8 kms.



and turn right onto a laterite for 3 kms. Opens everyday from 08.30-16.30 hrs. No admission fee.

Nam Phut Na Wong Duan (น้ำพุตนาวงเดือน) is southwest of Ban Na Wong Duan from the intersection with the police kiosk, take the Chulabhorn Dam road and turn right to Ban Na Wong Duan for 1 km. Nam Phut Na Wong Duan is a large pool.

Nam Phut Hin Lat Wanarom (น้ำพุหินลาดวนารมย์) or Nam Phut Hin Lat is at Ban Nam Phu Hin Lat, Tambon Thung Phra, 6 km. north of the town hall. The nature here is quite breathtaking.

AMPHOE THEP SATHIT (อำเภอเทพสถิต)

Pa Hin Ngam National Park

(อุทยานแห่งชาติป่าหินงาม) is a forest which has some strange rocks of many shapes scattered over the 200 rai area. Assorted small trees and orchids also cover the area. Some rocks are shaped like nails, while other are like the heads of Naga, a mythical serpent, and still others are like ancient castles. In the rainy season during June-July, the

Krachiao flower which is a jungle flower pink and purple in color grows all over the ground, adding beautiful color to the forest. In winter during December-January, yellow orchids and wild flowers appear from rock crevasses. Large and small waterfalls abound here such as Thep Phana and Thep Prathan. A steep cliff 665 metres above sea level called "Sut Phaen Din Khop Thi Rap Sung" (the farthest point of the plateau) has lovely rock formations. The forest is in Tambon Ban Rai.

To get to the forest from Chaiphaphum, take Highway No.201 (Chaiphaphum-Si Kheu) to the Bua Khok Intersection and turn right onto Highway No.205 past the town hall for 1 km. Then turn right at the police kiosk for 29 kms. and turn left for 14 km. to the forest. The distance from Amphoe Muang is 130 kms.

There are accommodation available to tourists. For further information contact Pa Hin Ngam National Park, P.O.Box 2, Amphoe Thepsatit, Chaiphaphum Province 36230. Tel. 01-9307581.

Thep Prathan Waterfall

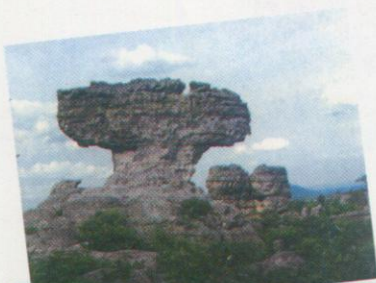
(น้ำตกเทพประทาน) is an almost flat waterfall of medium size. Rocks make up low terraces from top to bottom. A steep part has plenty of water during May-October. It is 34 kms. from the town hall.

Thep Phana Waterfall (น้ำตกเทพผา)

is a medium-sized waterfall in thick jungle which has a cool climate and lots of water during May-October. The waterfall has different looks from different angles. It is 48 kms. from the town hall.

Wat Phra Buddha Baht

Khao Yai Hom (วัดพระพุทธรูปเขาเหยี่ยวทอง) located at Ban Wang Ta Thao, Tambon Na Yang Klak about 67 kms. from the district town. Discovered over a century ago, the Holy Footprint of the Lord's left foot on a stone ground measures 45 cm. wide, 180 cm. long and 45 cm. deep, surrounded by three ponds of holy waters. In front, is a sculpture of Khun Yai (grandmother) Hom welcoming visitors. Buddhist devouts come here to make merit and pay respect to the Holy Footprint during the 11th - 15th day of the waxing moon of the 3rd lunar month every year.



Pa Hin Ngam National Park



Annual Festival



The Annual Chao Poh Phraya Lae Festival (งานประจำปีฉลองอนุสาวรีย์เจ้าพ่อพญาแล) is held to commemorate the virtues of Phraya Lae, the founder of Chaiyaphum. During 12-20 January of each year, celebrations are organized at the grounds in front of the Town Hall and at the Chao Poh Phraya Lae Monument junction. Rites are performed to pay homage to the spirit of the Chao Poh, and there are elephant parades and processions from various districts. Exhibition stalls are put up by private and government agencies and an agricultural contest is held.

Another traditional event to pay homage to Chao Poh Phraya Lae (เจ้าพระยาแลบวงสรวงเจ้าพ่อพญาแล) is held at Nong Pla Tao Shrine during 12-20 of May every year. Villagers flock to the shrine to perform homage-paying rites and stage dances in his honor.

The Ram Phi Fah traditional dance (ประเพณีรำผีฟ้า) is performed in groups at Phu Phra where the highly revered Phra Chao Ong Tue, a Buddha statue carved in sandstone is enshrined. About 2 meters tall, it is celebrated during the 13th to 15th day of the 5th lunar month or April and also on Khao Pansa and Ok Pansa (beginning and ending of the Buddhist Rain Retreat).

Ram Phi Fah Traditional dance



Souvenir shop



Amphoe Muang

Local Handicraft Center (ศูนย์ศิลปหัตถกรรมพื้นบ้าน)
Ratchatan Rd., Behind the City Hall. Tel. 812516 (silk, cushion, wickerwork)

Yuwadee Mai Thai (ยุวดีไหมไทย) 397/184-6
Haruthai Rd., Tel. 811319, 812032 (silk, silk products)

Porn Ngam (พรงาม) 258 Ratchatan Rd.,
Tel. 811879 (silk, silk products)

Surachai Fai Mai Thai (สุรัชชัยผ้าไหมไทย) 273/88
Yuttitam Rd., Tel. 811701, 811661 (silk, silk products)

Nintavadee (นินทาวดี) 290/3 Nivesrat Rd., Tel.
812054 (blue sapphire, silver)

Amphoe Ban Khawao

Kritsana Mai Thai (กฤษณาไหมไทย) 22/2 Mu 1,
Thepnimit Rd., Tel. 839179 (silk, silk products)



Arunee Mai Thai (อรุณีไหมไทย) Thepnimit Rd.,
Tel. 891079 (silk, silk products)

Siriporn Pha Mai (ศิริพรผ้าไหม) 566 Mu 1 Thepnimit
Rd., Tel. 891076 (silk)

**Natural Dyed Textile Center (ศูนย์ผ้าทอมือย้อมสี
ธรรมชาติ)** 690 Mu 1, Thepnimit Rd., Tel. 891082 (silk)

Mae Lah Mai Thai (แม่หล้าไหมไทย) 169 Mu 1, Tambol
Ban Khao. Tel. 891069 (Silk, Cushion)

Charoon Mai Thai (จรรุณไหมไทย) Thepnimit Rd.,
Tel. 891086 (Silk)

Anuchit Mai Thai (อนุชิตไหมไทย) Thepnimit Rd.,
Tel. 891074

Renu Mai Thai (เรณูไหมไทย) Thepnimit Rd., Tel.
891033

Amphoe Phu Khiao

**Pak Pang Local Handicraft Center (ศูนย์
หัตถกรรมพื้นบ้านผดัก)** 19/7 Sukhapibal Pak Pang, Tel. 861273
(silk, khit & mutmee)



Dining

Cha-lieng (เจลิยง) 269 Chaiyaphum-Ban Khawao Rd., Tel. 812103 (Thai-Seafood) Service hour : 09.00-02.00 hrs.

Sirichai Cafe (ศิริชัยคาเฟ่) Sirichai Hotel, None-Muang Rd., Tel. 811461, 811181 (Thai Food) Service hour : 06.00-03.00 hrs.

Lan Rabieng (ลานระบียง) In front of Sirichai Hotel, None Muang Rd., Tel. 811543 (Thai, Seafood) Service hour : 17.00-03.00 hrs.

Lan Sai (ลานไธสง) Lertnimitra Hotel, Nivesrat Rd., Tel. 811522-3 (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 06.00-24.00 hrs.

Ngao Mai (เงาไม้) Km.5, Chaiyaphum-Si khiu Rd., Tel. 821708 (Thai) Service hour : 10.00-22.00 hrs.

Ruen Rom (เรือนรมย์) Lertnimit Hotel, Nivesrat Rd., Tel. 811522-3 (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 12.00-24.00 hrs.

Krua Khun Ploy (ครัวคุณพลอย) Bannakan Rd., Tel. 811335 (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 10.00-24.00 hrs.

Indochaina (อินโดจีน) Burapa Rd. Tel. 822319 (Thai, Chinese, Vietnamese Food) Service hour : 10.00-22.00 hrs.

Krua Nong Phrae (ครัวน้องแพร) Chaipasit Rd., Tel. 812057 (Thai, Chinese, Local Food) Service hour : 10.00-24.00 hrs.

Look Tan (ลูกตา) 389-90 Haruthai Rd., Tel. 812728 (Thai, European Food) Service hour : 06.00-16.00 hrs.

Joy Potchana (จอยโพชนา) Chaiyaphum-Ban Khawao Rd., (Local Food) Service hour : 10.00-21.00 hrs.

Tanyarot (ธัญญะโรต) Chaiyaphum-Bua Yai Rd. (Local Food) Service hour : 10.00-21.00 hrs.

Mong (หม่อง) Chaiprasit Rd., Tel. 01-9678803, 044-830708 (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 18.00-22.00 hrs.

Don Lanam (ดอนละนาม) Ban Don Lanam, Amphoe Chaturat (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 10.00-21.00 hrs.

Great Coffeeshop (เกรทคอฟฟี่ช็อป) In front of the Great Department Store, Sanambin Rd., (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 10.00-24.00 hrs.

Krua Nong Tan (ครัวน้องตา) Sanambin Rd., Tel. 812947 (Thai, Chinese Food) Service hour : 10.00-22.00 hrs.

Rim Thung (สวนอาหารริมทุ่ง) Chaiyaphum-Sri Khiu Rd., Tel. 01-2224008 (Thai) Service hour : 10.00-22.00 hrs.



Entertainment

Chaya Cafe (ชายาคาเฟ่) Nivesrat Rd., A. Muang Service hour : 18.00-01.00 hrs.

Ban Suan Chokchai (บ้านสวนโชคชัย) Nivesrat Rd., A. Muang, Service hour : 10.00-24.00 hrs.

Koom Sawei (คุ่มส่วย) Nivesrat Rd., A. Muang Tel. 833209 Service hour : 18.00-24.00 hrs.

Travel Agent

Khru Thong Kham Khonsong Co., Ltd. (ครูทองคำขนส่ง) 110 Mu 1, Tambol Sompoi, Amphoe Chaturat. Tel. 822385 (Inbound-Outbound-Domestic) Licent No. 51-046



Bus schedule from Chaiyaphum to nearby provinces

Destination	Departure Time	Bus No.	Distance (Km.)	Fare (Baht)	Bus Station
Bangkok (air)	06.00, 08.00, every hour - 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 19.00 every hour - 24.00	28	333	176.-	Air Chaiyaphum Tour (None Hai Junction) Tel. 811556
Bangkok (fan/air)	07.55, 08.40, 10.10, 11.00, 12.40, 13.40, 19.30, 20.30, 21.00, 22.00, 22.15, 22.30	29	333	81 (fan) 147 (air)	Chaiyaphum Bus Terminal Tel. 811344
Loei (fan)	10.30, 12.30, 15.45, 16.30, 18.05, 20.00, 22.45, 23.30, 24.15, 01.00, 01.45, 02.30, 04.30, 05.00	29	225	64.-	Chaiyaphum Bus Terminal Tel. 811344
Chiang Mai (air) Chiang Mai (fan)	19.30, 22.00, 01.00 12.00, 20.00	587	664	220.- 125.-	Chaiyaphum Bus Terminal
Ubon (fan) Ubon (air)	12.00, 20.00 19.30, 22.00, 01.00	587	359	95.- 175.-	" "
Khon Kaen " (air/fan)	06.20 every hour-17.30	509	150	28.-	"
Khon Sawan " (fan)	06.30 every hour -17.30 07.30 every hour - 15.00	4165 1342	38	11.- 11.-	" "
Petchaboon - Lomsak (fan) * new route	10.30 Via Thepsatit		259	85.-	"
Phisanulok (new route)	(fan) 07.30, 10.30	565	336	61.-	Chaiyaphum Bus Terminal
Nong Bua Daeng "	05.30 every 15 minutes-18.00	206	53	13.-	"
Korat (air/fan) "	05.40 every 15 minutes-18.00	204	119	59.- 33.-	" "
Ban Khawao "	06.00 every 20 minutes-18.00 (mini bus)	567	13	6.-	"
Nakhon Sawan (fan/air)	07.00 every hour-15.00 (Via Nong Bua Raheo)	566	250	76.- (fan/air)	Tavorn Farin Tel.830233



Accommodation

Amphoe Muang (area code : 044)

Lernimit Hotel (เลิศนิมิตร)

447/1 Nivesrat Rd., Tel. 811522-3, Fax. 822335 Rooms : 79 Rate : 200-250 (fan), 550-900(air)

Chaiyaphum Inn (ชัยภูมิอินน์)

Anantakul Rd., Tel. 830276-7 Rooms : 52 Rate : 380 (fan) - 450 (air)

Sirichai Hotel (ศิริชัย)

565/1 None-Muang Rd., Tel. 811461, 811543 Fax. 812299 Rooms : 91 Rate : 190-260 (fan), 390-800(air)

Rattanasiri Hotel (รัตนศิริ)

77 None-Muang Rd., Tel. 821258-60 Fax. 821261 Rooms : 80 Rate : 180-240(fan), 300-350(air)

Charoen Hotel (เจริญโฮเต็ล)

196/8-9 Yuttitum Rd., Tel. 811194-5 Rooms : 40 Rate : 140-220 (fan), 220-320(air)

Amphoe Thepsatit

Rai Eai Foon (ไร่เอ๋ยฟูน)

Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 01-9364279 Rooms : 7 Rate : 800-1,500 (fan)

Suan Santitam (สวนสันติธรรม)

Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 01-9105123 Rooms : 6 Rate : 300 (fan)

Rai N.V. (ไร่เอ็น.วี)

115 Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 01-9395477, 02-5114441 Rooms : 6 Rate : 500/person (included 3 meals)

Rai Sergt. Suthep (ไร่จ่าสุเทพ)

Thep Satit Rd., Tel. 034-473603, 01-9894970 Rooms : 10 Rate : 600-1,500 (fan)

Thepsatit Country Club (เทพสถิตคันทันรีคลับ)

Mu 4, Tambol Watabaek, Tel. 044-457097 Rooms : 29 Rate : 600-3,000 Baht

Phu Fa Pa Tawan (ภูฟ้าป่าตะวัน)

Mu 9, Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 01-2185088 Rooms : 7 Rate : 200 - 300 Baht

Rai Chalieng (ไร่ฉลิ้ง)

Mu 2, Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 01-6510101 Rooms : 15 Rate : 200 - 1,000 Baht

Rai Rung Thip (ไร่รุ่งทิพย์)

Mu 1, Tambol Ban Rai, Tel. 044-859212 Rooms : 7 Rate : 400 - 800 Baht

Thep Walan Steak House (เทพวัลย์สเต็กเฮ้าส์)

Mu 6, Tambol Watabaek, Tel. 044-857130 Rooms : 3 Rate : 1,000-1,500 Baht





Useful Address and Telephone

Government Office

- Chaiphum Bus Terminal	Nivesrat Rd.	Tel. 811344
- Chaiphum Police Office	Haruthai Rd.,	Tel. 811242, 812660
- Highway Police	Nivesrat Rd.	Tel. 811428
- City Hall	Suan Ratchagarn Rd.	Tel. 811948, 811833
- Provincial Office	Suan Ratchagarn Rd.	Tel. 811573, 811418
- Telephone Office	Yuttitam Rd.	Tel. 821610, 821000-19
- Post Office	Bannagarn Rd.	Tel. 811080

Hospital

- Chaiphum Hospital	Bannagarn Rd.	Tel. 811644, 811640
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Bank

- Bangkok Bank	Ratchatan Rd.	Tel. 811661
- Krung Thai Bank	Ratchatan Rd.	Tel. 821578-80
- Siam Commercial Bank	Haruthai Rd.	Tel. 812303
- Thai Farmers Bank	Ratchatan Rd.	Tel. 811267-9

Others

- Chaiphum Tourism Promotion Club	Tel. 835212
- Chaiphum Chamber of Commerce	Tel. 811511
- Chaiphum Tourist Service Center	Tel. 812516



Example : Tour Program

Program I (1 day tour)

- 08.00 hrs. - Depart from Chaiyaphum
- Visit Prang Ku
- Tat Tone Waterfall
- 12.00 hrs. - Lunch
- Visit Phu Phra
- Visit Ban Khwao Silk Weaving Village
- 17.00 hrs. - At leisure

Program II (2 days tour)

Day 1

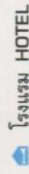
- 07.00 hrs. - Depart from Chaiyaphum
- Visit Pha Hin Ngam National Park "Sut Phaen Din Khop Thi Rap Sung"
 (the farthest point of the plateau)
- 12.00 hrs. - Lunch
- Visit Tat Tone National Park
- Tat Tone Waterfall
- Visit Ban Khwao Silk Weaving Village
- Visit Prasat Prang Ku
- 17.00 hrs. - At leisure

Day 2

- 08.00 hrs. - Depart from Chaiyaphum
- Visit Phra That Nong Sam Mun
- Visit Chulabhorn Dam
- 12.00 hrs. - Lunch
- Visit Nam Phut Thap Lao (small geyser)
- Back to Chaiyaphum
- 17.00 hrs. - At leisure

Notice : Tourist have to hire a mini-bus from Chaiyaphum





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5. วัดปากใหญ่ Wat Prang Ku
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